

# **Right of Way**

## **3a - Uniform Act**

### **What is the Uniform Act?**

It is the short name for the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended. This law was enacted as Public Law 91-646, and brought a minimum standard of performance to all Federally funded projects with regard to the acquisition of real property and the relocation of persons displaced by the acquisition of such property.

### **Has it been amended since passage?**

Yes, there have been several amendments over the years, with the most significant taking place as a part of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987.

### **Where can I find the law and the rules created to carry out the law?**

The law is codified in 42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq. The regulation governing the law is found in 49 CFR, Part 24. There may be other laws, regulations, policies and procedures established by agencies that elaborate or expand upon these minimum standards. Links to the basic law and regulation can be found at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/legreg.htm>.

### **Which agencies must abide by the provisions of the Uniform Act?**

All acquiring agencies meeting the definition set out in Section (§) 24.2(a)(1)(iii) are required to comply with the Uniform Act and the implementing regulation, 49 CFR Part 24.